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SUBJECT: 2009 AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING IN
WASHINGTON DC AND CAIRO

¶1. Summary. The A/LM Motor Vehicle Branch (MV), in collaboration with Diplomatic Security (DS/PSP/DEAV) and Embassy Cairo, will host two Automotive Technical Training Seminars this year. One seminar will be held in Cairo on August 16-19th and the other will be held in Springfield, VA on July 9-17th. The seminar in Springfield will be a train-the-trainer, hands-on workshop for vehicle maintenance supervisors, foremen, and skilled mechanics, with considerable attention to armored vehicles. The Cairo workshop is a truncated version of Cairo's MV-sponsored annual skill-enhancement workshop for more junior mechanics. The deadline for submitting training requests is June 25, 2009. End Summary.

¶2. Training. The training is offered for auto mechanics, mechanic foremen, chief mechanics and workshop supervisors to enhance their technical skills. Participants should have a strong technical or engineering background and good working knowledge of English. The classes are offered on a train-the-trainer basis; we expect employees attending the classes to be able to train others in their regions.

Cairo Training

The usually five-day course has been reduced to four days. The Cairo course will cover the following topics:

- ¶A. Preventive maintenance program for armored and non-armored vehicles
- ¶B. Technology close-up: engine oil
- ¶C. Tires with run flat
- ¶D. Diagnostic tools update
- ¶E. Workshop management

Springfield Training

This is a longer course, due to the greater volume and detail of the materials to be presented. This seven-day workshop will include a full five days of hands-on technical training with an emphasis on armored vehicles. The Springfield Course will cover:

- ¶A. Workshop safety
- ¶B. Mishap reporting
- ¶C. Maintenance of armored vehicles
- ¶D. Air conditioning, heating and ventilation
- ¶E. Gasoline and diesel engine performance

F. ABS braking systems

13. Nominations. The deadline for submitting training requests is June 25, 2009. The maximum enrollment for the Cairo session is 15 technicians and the Springfield session is limited to 20 participants. The training will be conducted on GM vehicles but will be useful for non-GM vehicles as well. Posts should request training for either session by cable or e-mail to Cairo GSO Carlos Figueroa and to Cairo Vehicle Maintenance Specialist Tarek Nour.

Nominations must include:

- Name of participant
- E-mail address
- Post
- Name and e-mail address of supervisor
- Current position title and grade
- List of post's fleet including: type, year, model, and armoring status (heavy, light, or non-armored) for each vehicle

14. Funding. The training is free. However, posts must fund all travel and per diem costs. For the Cairo session, posts should add USD 60 per participant to cover Cairo ICASS administrative supply costs. More specific details on accommodations will be provided when nominations are accepted.

15. Questions regarding these courses should be directed to Cairo Vehicle Maintenance Specialist Tarek Nour or to Cairo S/GSO Carlos Figueroa. Please include A/LM Motor Vehicle Branch Chief Daniel Hirsch on correspondence.
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